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In May 1955, a 150 kw. radio station was being constructed with Soviet aid in the Sunan (N 39-12, E 125-41) (YD3242) area. Broadcasting was to commence shortly thereafter.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Comment. In view of the proximity of Sunan to P'yongyang, this report probably refers to the expansion of the facilities of the North Korean Central Broadcasting Station in P'yongyang, with Soviet aid.

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Comment. According to the 18 February 1955 FBIS, P'yongyang Radio stated on 17 February 1955 that the Central Radio Broadcasting Station was being expanded with Soviet aid and that 140 carloads of broadcasting equipment and materials had been received. The 11 April 1955 FBIS reported P'yongyang Radio's claim that "a new radio station, the most powerful in Asia..." would be inaugurated in North Korea; that it would broadcast on medium wave whereas P'yongyang Radio had only been able to use high frequencies; and that the Soviet Union had provided 200 carloads of construction equipment. A later direct FBIS reported P'yongyang Radio's statement that a ceremony was held in P'yongyang on 9 April 1955 marking the completion of the Central Broadcasting Station.

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this station's transmitter power approximated 20 kws., that other reports indicated it was a medium-wave station, and that although the North Koreans called it the most powerful in Asia, Radio Tokyo was 50 kws. It appears that the 150 kw. figure is excessively high.

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